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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady with offerings at most locations in a balance to cleared position. Demand was light to moderate with some buyers cautious. However, most were still expecting improvement for first of the month. Overall, supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were balance to tight and moving well, other items were usually balanced to sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/04/03-08/08/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	53.00-56.00	53.00-64.00	55.90	25
Los Angeles	73.00			
New York	58.00-61.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-68.50	51.00-70.00	67.28	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
899	62.40-70.00	67.57
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)		(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.50	1,401
BREASTS - B/S	205.00	5,042
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,758
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	918
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,456
WINGS	71.00	2,949

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MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continued steady, undertone firm. Offerings of whole birds were mostly in balance with trade inquiry. Retail demand was close to typical for Friday, mostly fair. Food service movement was irregular, light to instances fairly good. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were mostly desirable. Trading on parts was light to moderate and limited to current needs. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts were in close balance to short of needs, thighs were ample and remaining parts adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless/skinless breasts, weak on thighs and steady on all other parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where retail ads were either in progress or planned. Some additional movement was reported into fast food outlets. Supplies were usually clearing, although spot availability of heavy birds were noted. In the parts structure, b/s breast were in close balance and showing improvement, wings were usually adequate, and dark meat was mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN Preliminary majority prices unchanged throughout the region. Regular commitments traded at unchanged prices with new negotiations mainly higher. Offerings in close balance for current needs. Retailer demand was good. Dealers anticipated fair weekend carryovers. The market tone was strong on boneless breast with the balance of parts mixed.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - boneless breast 299-349, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 999, breast fillets 379, split breast 139-149, boneless thigh meat 3# bag IQF 169-316, leg quarter 79, leg quarter 10# bag 290, thigh 59-149, drumstick 59-149;

Colorado - whole body 59, boneless breast 299, leg quarter 79, thigh 139, drumstick 139;

Northern California - whole body 69, boneless breast 379-499, boneless thigh meat 99, thigh 139, drumstick 139, wing 139;

Southern California - whole body 59-119, whole cut-up 119-148, whole split 98, roaster 139, Cornish hen marinated 159-199, Cornish hen 97-139, boneless breast 138-499, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 799, boneless breast 3# bag IQF 599, boneless breast 4# bag 999, boneless thigh meat 187-219, boneless leg meat 98-99, boneless leg meat marinated 99-199, split breast 97-199, whole breast 99, whole leg 99, leg quarter 77, leg quarter 10# bag 270-390, leg quarter marinated 49-99, wing 98, thigh 49-99, drumstick 49-99, gizzard 129, hearts 129, (food service deli section fried - drumstick and thigh 15 piece 499; mixed 8 piece 299-399, 12 piece 599).

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler, fryers ranged fair to instances fairly good. Offerings were generally sufficient for immediate needs with sizes varying from plant to plant. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was a least steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance to tight. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Leg items and wings were adequate.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair, instances fairly good. Offerings were generally adequate although sizes continued to vary. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included spot operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were adequate to tight. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Leg cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were adequate and in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	57-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.01
NO. OF BOXES	8,114
CUMULATIVE	62.12
	07/28/03-08/01/03
	07/29/02-08/02/02
NO. OF BOXES	50.34
	07/28/03-08/01/03
	07/29/02-08/02/02
	41,810
	40,766

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JULY 31

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 01

POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	892	169.00-235.00	169-172	172.23	882	172.00-235.00	172-176	175.66	4,358	173.66	
TENDERLOINS	301	137.00-213.00	-	166.36	198	139.00-213.00	145-150	156.86	1,197	155.55	
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	92.00-110.00	92-95	95.45	101	93.00-113.00	93-95	96.09	502	95.52	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				291	82.23	
LEGS	92	31.00-49.00	32-33	34.52	114	31.00-49.00	31-33	33.82	615	33.34	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	640	24.00-27.00	25	24.94	616	24.00-27.00	25-26	25.23	5,338	25.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	26.00-34.00	27-29	27.82	1,210	25.00-34.00	27-29	27.72	5,475	27.84	
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	56.00-77.00	-	73.02	410	56.00-77.00	-	58.20	1,513	68.68	
WINGS (CUT)	357	73.00-77.00	74-77	74.87	397	73.00-82.00	74-76	75.94	2,042	75.53	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				69	49.00-60.00	-	50.43	279	50.54	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	50.22	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	79.07	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JULY 31, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR AUGUST 01, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TODAY'S 5-DAY	
RANGE					RANGE					AVERAGE AVERAGE	
51.00 - 56.00					51.00 - 56.00					54.02 53.64	
The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.											

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the the weekend and was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in close balance and clearing. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Legs, leg quarters and wings were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on boneless-skinless breasts; steady to about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JULY 31				August 01				WEEKLY	
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	175-180	170.42	579,040	BREAST - B/S	180	174.74	567,450	170.63	3,143,406
TENDERLOINS	140	141.28	124,770	TENDERLOINS	140	142.65	130,040	141.08	767,860
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	90.24	251,920	BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	88.75	288,360	89.16	1,199,144
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	84.42	92,720	BREAST - LINE RUN	84	83.53	111,800	83.85	580,760
LEGS	37-38	37.59	182,280	LEGS	37-38	36.42	333,120	36.28	1,519,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.57	437,825	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.25	433,193	27.11	2,066,620
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	39.07	111,060	DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.10	130,620	38.07	675,100
THIGHS	26-27	36.84	72,160	THIGHS	26-27	37.69	57,720	37.13	335,130
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.14	86,200	B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.74	81,440	72.59	416,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	68.15	201,630	WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	65.61	170,710	67.46	1,065,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.47	35,960	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	36,360	12.15	174,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	20.31	50,520	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.60	14,480	21.60	148,300
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	41.87	22,440	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	41.38	29,840	41.59	119,350
INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.									
** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.									

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	08/01	07/31	07/30	07/29	07/30	07/29	07/25	07/23		
ALA	4,113	4,092	4,083	4,088	5.18	5.20	4,028	5.16		
ARK	4,622	5,281	4,942	5,181	4.97	4.91	5,312	4.95		
DELMARVA	2,471	2,311	2,290	2,315	5.42	5.42	2,351	5.33		
KY-LA-TN	1,897	1,933	1,346	1,989	4.96	4.84	2,190	4.70		
MISS	2,609	2,993	3,035	3,044	5.31	5.35	2,653	5.31		
NC	2,896	2,664	2,578	2,659	6.04	6.05	2,595	6.05		
TEXAS	2,480	2,480	2,665	2,471	4.94	4.95	3,576	5.03		
TOTAL	21,088	21,754	20,939	21,665	5.24	5.22	22,705	5.20		
MON-WED	108,179(A)				107,177(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Aug 03 and is estimated to be 31,550 ,000 down 7.40 percent from a week ago and down 1.7 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 34,071,000; last year 32,082,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Aug 03 is estimated to be 155,705 ,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and down 1 percent from a year ago
(Last week 157,247,000 Last year 157,689,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & up	80-95
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	107-108
DRY PACK	100-102
ICE PACK	113
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-105
ICE PACK	91-98
HENS OVER 5#	-
DRY PACK	155-166
DUCKS	-

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 19-Jul-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,946	31,450	49,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.15
% of total /1	23%	30%	47%

COMPARISONS

Last week	18,022	17,412	31,731
Avg Weight	3.89	4.81	6.14
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	28,168	26,555	39,192
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.14
% of total /1	30%	28%	42%

To date/2003	707,201	669,235	1,322,613
To date/2002	829,282	696,845	1,331,701

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
 (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
 (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
 (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 26-Jul-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564	383
AVG WT	5.11	3.45	7.80	5.93	6.45
LAST WEEK	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783	405
SAME WK YR AGO	161,236	1,829	1,536	3,365	413
AVG WT	5.07	3.82	8.17	5.81	6.64
TO-DATE/2003	4,567,114	47,286	41,107	88,393	12,376
TO-DATE/2002	4,636,785	53,128	40,500	93,628	12,937

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 3.4 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 29, 2003
 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80	Banty Hens	2.75 - 3.50ea.
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 5.00ea.	Silgies	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .35	Geese 9-14 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80	Pigeons	2.50 - 2.90ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	3.00 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.55 - .80
4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.30	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.50 - .80
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 - 3.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25ea.	Goats	35.00 - 60.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.75ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 - 25.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 630

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28-JUL-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-64	62-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-86	65-70

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was very steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 28-JUL-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
 ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	21	161.7	161.0	100%
	28	167.3	160.4	104%
JULY	5	145.3	160.9	90%
	12	161.8	160.4	101%
	19	159.1	160.8	99%
	26	159.2	162.6	98%
YEAR TO DATE	4622.7	4688.2	99%	
AUGUST	2	162.7		
	9	162.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/02/03	07/26/03	% CHG	08/03/02	% CHG
Broilers	155,705	157,247*	-01	157,689*	-01
Cattle	706	722	-02	709*	0
Hogs	1,815	1,823	0	1,817*	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the light to adequate offerings. Trading was mostly light to fair. The undertone was seasonal and generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

21-25 MAJORITY 23-24

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

23-26 MAJORITY 25.75

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-36 MAJORITY 32.5-34

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

31.5-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light and usually reported as no better than fair. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values required for disposal of leghorn fowl were too few to report. Interest for additional supplies was light with offerings fully adequate for needs. Slaughter schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Opinions of costs were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were slightly higher. Offerings were mostly ample with demand light. The majority of spent fowl were being utilized by operations other than traditional slaughter processors. Opinions of values were steady at the current quoted majority.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-12	10-11

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04 -AUG-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair at best for the adequate to mostly fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were usually adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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